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KY EXCEL Member Updates

Welcome to our newest KY EXCEL members!

Tracy Farmer Institute for Sustainability and the Environment (Advocate member) - Tracy Farmer Institute for Sustainability and the Environment will work to establish recycling programs and rain gardens at the Kentucky Horse Park to educate guests at the 2010 World Equestrian Games.

Governor's Mansion (Advocate member) - The Governor's Mansion will construct a rain garden to reduce the amount of stormwater runoff at the mansion and to reduce water pollution.

Job Corps (Advocate member) - Job Corps has committed to implementing an office paper recycling program.

Davidson Financial Services (Advocate member) - Davidson Financial Services will implement

an office paper recycling program, which will include paper, newspaper, cardboard and magazines.

Pinnacle View Inn (Advocate member) - Pinnacle View Inn will develop and present projects and ideas for sustainable living to bed and breakfast inns in Kentucky.

Kenvirons (Advocate member) - Kenvirons will start an aluminum can recycling program at its building.

Louisville Marriott Downtown (Leader member) - Louisville Marriott Downtown will participate in Operation Brightside; donate money from recycling aluminum cans to Make a Wish Foundation; install photo sensors in storage and service closets to reduce electricity usage and donate scholarships to the Governor's Conference on the Environment.



Green Tip

Wondering what to do with your old computer, DVD player, or other electronics? Take them to an electronics recycling center and help avoid land, air and water pollution by capturing and reusing hazardous substances, such as lead or chromium. Reusing and recycling materials like copper, gold and others saves natural resources and reduces mining and processing. The find a e-recycling center near you visit <http://www.epa.gov/epawaste/conserve/materials/ecycling/donate.htm>.



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Grant Opportunities

EPA RCC Grant Opportunity Available

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 4 RCRA Division, Materials Management Section, announced its Resource Conservation Challenge (RCC) competitive grant opportunity. The EPA is soliciting proposals for financial assistance to eligible entities through its Region 4 focus on the national RCC priorities. This funding opportunity supports EPA's strategic goal of land preservation and restoration and provides monies to external organizations to help states, tribes, local governments, communities, and nonprofits address the RCC priorities. Region 4 priorities for this solicitation include resource conservation, waste and chemicals reduction and providing significant energy savings and greenhouse gas reduction benefits.

All proposals are due by March 22, 2010, 5 p.m. EDT. Please refer to the announcement for all requirements as it relates to the submission of proposals at the EPA Region 4 Web site,

<http://www.epa.gov/region4/waste/rcra/2009rccsolicitation.html>.

TogetherGreen Fellowships and Innovation Grant Opportunity Available

TogetherGreen, an alliance between Audubon and Toyota, supports innovative conservation projects and leadership across the country.

Through TogetherGreen Conservation Fellowships, 40 individuals will receive a \$10,000 grant, along with assistance launching a conservation action project and specialized training. To apply for a fellowship, visit <http://togethergreen.org/people/FellowsMore.aspx>.

Through TogetherGreen Innovation Grants, 40 individuals will receive a grant ranging from \$5,000—\$80,000. To apply for an innovation grant, visit <http://togethergreen.org/people/FellowsMore.aspx>.

The deadline to apply for both grants is May 7, 2010.

Kentucky American Water Announces 2010 Environmental Grant Program

Kentucky American Water is now accepting applications for the 2010 Environmental Grant Program. The company will award grants of up to \$10,000 to support diverse types of environmental sustainability activities,

such as watershed cleanups, reforestation efforts, biodiversity projects, streamside buffer restoration projects and hazardous waste collection efforts.

The Environmental Grant Program offers funds for innovative, community-based environmental projects that improve, restore or protect the watersheds, surface water and/or groundwater supplies in our local communities.

The deadline for entries is March 22, 2010.

To qualify for Environmental Grant funding, a proposed project must be:

- Located within the Kentucky American Water service area.
- Completed between May 1, 2010 and Nov. 30, 2010.
- Be a new or innovative community initiative or serve as significant expansion to an existing program.

For more information, please see Kentucky American Water's [2010 Program Brochure](#) and [Grant Application Form](#).

For more information about the program, contact Susan Lancho at 859-268-6332 or susan.lancho@amwater.com.





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DEP News

Frankfort Field Operations Office Has Moved

The Department for Environmental Protection's Field Operations Staff has moved to 200 Fair Oaks Lane, Third Floor. The move enables the Frankfort Field staff to be located within the same building as the Division for Air Quality, Division of Water and the Division of Waste Management. Ensure you have the correct mailing address before sending any reports or notifications.

Watch for New Web Pages

Exciting news! Plans are underway to launch a new Web program for the department in the spring of 2010. The new KY EXCEL pages will be bright, more user friendly and full of helpful information and resources. Visit the same KY EXCEL site (<http://www.dca.ky.gov/kyexcel/>) and check out the new

look! Please note that during this transitional period, there may be glitches, so be patient as these problems are resolved. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us at 800-926-8111 or envhelp@ky.gov.

DEP Launching New Environmental Awards Program

The Department for Environmental Protection is pleased to announce the creation of the 2010 Environmental Excellence Awards to recognize outstanding efforts of individuals, businesses and organizations around the state. Awards will be presented in four categories. All nominations must be received by COB on April 30, 2010.

For more information about the program or to receive a nomination form, please contact us at envhelp@ky.gov.

Upcoming Events

Kentucky Save Energy Now Workshops

The Kentucky Pollution Prevention Center (KPPC) is offering two workshops to provide technical assistance for energy-intensive facilities. Energy, facility, maintenance and purchasing managers will benefit from these one-day events. Sessions will be conducted by KPPC engineers and specialists in the energy field. Guest speakers will include representatives from the U.S. Department of Energy, regional utilities and consultants.

Workshops will be held in Erlanger on April 14, and in Richmond on April 15, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., EDT. The cost is \$25 and includes lunch and materials. Some of the nine topics include 7 Steps to Energy Management, Energy Tracking, Energy Assessments, Area Utility Resources and more. For more information or to register, see <https://louisville.edu/kppc/calendarx.2007-12-06.0876226475/month?currentDate=2010/04/01&xmy=0&xsub=ALL> or call 800-334-8635, ext. 8520965.

Greenhouse Gas Workshop Offered

Recently, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency finalized the Mandatory Reporting of Greenhouse Gases Rule. The rule requires the reporting of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from large sources and suppliers in the United States and is intended to collect accurate and timely emissions data to inform future policy decisions.

The Division of Compliance Assistance and the Division for Air Quality have teamed up to provide a half-day workshop on greenhouse gases as a result of this new rulemaking. The workshop, to be held on April 15, will cover topics including definition of greenhouse gases,

state and federal regulatory and policy trends, how to comply with the mandatory reporting rule and tools to assist in calculating and inventorying your greenhouse gas emissions. For a copy of the class agenda and more information, visit DCA's Web site at <http://www.dca.ky.gov>.

From Biomass to Energy: An Overview Short Course

The University of Kentucky Center for Applied Energy Research is offering a one-day course to introduce biomass use for energy, considering current and emerging technologies. Entrepreneurs, small business owners, farmers, government regulators, students, educators, agricultural producers, federal and state legislative staffers and biofuel marketers, producers and sales representatives will be most interested in this opportunity.

The course will be held on April 14, in West Liberty, Ky., from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and will cost \$50. Five engineering professional development hours are offered with this course. For more information, contact Teresa Epperson at Epperson@caer.uky.edu or call 859-257-0200. To register, visit www.caer.uky.edu/events/biofuels2010.html.



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Voluntary Projects: Benefiting the Environment While Being in Compliance

For many people, committing to voluntary projects that have an environmental benefit can be difficult to reconcile with the regulatory requirements of those projects. We often hear, “I am doing good things for the environment on one side, but struggling with compliance on the other side!” In order to address this, one must realize that complying with environmental requirements is the first step to becoming an environmental steward.

After reviewing hundreds of projects, the KY EXCEL staff has noticed that many projects often involve a regulatory component and sometimes that component goes unnoticed by the member. For example, projects involving stream restoration, water diversion or construction

activities, can often trigger permitting requirements from the Kentucky Division of Water, such as floodplain management, wetlands, wastewater and storm-water discharges. On the waste side of things, there are regulatory requirements for composting activities and if a member proposes reducing hazardous waste through recycling or on-site treatment, then updating your hazardous waste generator status is a must and may require additional approvals from the Hazardous Waste Management Branch. If a project involves reducing air pollution or adding control devices, then air permit modifications are in order.

In all cases, as KY EXCEL members propose projects, it is the responsibility of those members as environmental

stewards to remain in compliance with Kentucky's environmental laws. The Division of Compliance Assistance (DCA) offers assistance to individuals, organizations and businesses through its Environmental Compliance Assistance Program, relating to complying with environmental requirements. So, the next time you propose a project, ask yourself if a permit or modification to a permit is required, and if you are unsure, feel free to contact DCA for assistance. DCA has an Environmental Compliance Workbook available that can guide you through the steps to deciding if a permit is required for a specific activity.

Member Resources

Green Homes

A new EPA Web site provides tools to cut energy costs and greenhouse gas emissions from homes. Homeowners, buyers and renters have a new resource for going green indoors and outdoors. The EPA's Web site will help people make their homes greener with tips on reducing energy consumption, carbon footprints, waste generation and water usage. For more information, please see <http://www.epa.gov/greenhomes/>.

Green Teams

Are you interested in forming a green team at your business? If so, Green Impact has developed a report to help engage your employees in sustainability. To read the report and learn how to create your own green team, go to

<http://www.greenbiz.com/sites/default/files/GreenBizReports-GreenTeams-final.pdf>.

Plastics Market

If you recycle plastics at your place of business, plasticsmarkets.org might be able to help you. This Web site's purpose is to connect suppliers and buyers of all types of scrap plastic. The site is not intended for the general public or household plastics. For more information, visit the Web site at <http://plasticsmarkets.org/>.

Environmental Management Plans

Are you developing an EMS or in the process of reviewing your EMS? If so, Oregon's Department of Environmental Quality has developed a document that might help you in the process of

developing a successful EMS. It lists the top 10 elements in a successful EMS. The document can be found at <http://www.deq.state.or.us/lq/pubs/docs/hw/TUWRAP/SuccessfulEMSElements.pdf>.

